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- 1. FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI WILL REMAIN IN THE US CONVALESCING FROM HIS EYE OPERATION UNTIL THE SSOD. HIS PLANS ARE STILL TO HEAD THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE WILL REMAIN IN BOSTON THRU THIS WEEK AND THEN WILL PROBABLY GO TO NEW YORK FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TIME.
- 2. I RECOMMEND THAT EINAUDI (WHOM CONSALVI KNOWS) MAKE AN EFFORT TO GO TO NEW YORK (OR BOSTON) TO TALK TO CONSALVI SOME TIME NEXT WEEK (THIS WEEK IS A LITTLE TOO EARLY IN HIS CONVALESCENCE). I FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT EINAUDI PASS TO CONSALVI THE PACKET OF NON-PAPERS THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THE GOV (REFTELS). IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THAT CONSALVI HAS FIRST HAND OUR FULL PERSPECTIVE AND CONCEPT.
- 3 IF THE AD WINS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, CONSALVI IS MOST LIKELY TO REMAIN AS FOREIGN MINISTER. HE MAY THEREFORE BE AN ELEMENT OF CONTINUITY IN ALL THIS. IT IS AS IMPORTANT (AMD PERHAPS A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT) TO CONVINCE CONSALVI AS IT WAS PRESIDENT PEREZ. CONFIDENTIAL

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